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Subject: Approval of May 2011 Biological Assessment Report (BAR) of the Little Vermilion River Adjacent to Matthiessen and Hegeler Zinc Company Site, LaSalle, Illinois

Dear Ms. Weeks,

Geosyntec submitted the May 2011 BAR for review and approval by the U.S. EPA. All comments that U.S. EPA and Illinois EPA generated during the review of this report have been adequately addressed, knowing that the additional sediment toxicity testing is scheduled to be performed and will be provided in a separate document. Therefore, U.S. EPA formally approves the May BAR and anticipates the results of the sediment toxicity testing.

If you have any questions or concerns with the comments, please feel free to call me at (312) 886-0214 or contact me via email at collier.demaree@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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